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INDEX OF NOTICES PUBLISHED IN THE "FEDERAL REGISTER" BY THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Today, the Federal Election Commission publishes an index for all *interim guidelines, proposed regulations, advisory opinion requests,* and *advisory opinions* which have been published by the Commission through November 19, 1975. This index includes numerical, subject matter, and publication date notation for each published item. In every case, the FEDERAL REGISTER notice number will be the common reference to each entry.

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To follow regularly the activities of the Commission, you may refer directly to the FEDERAL REGISTER. With this index, every item published by the Commission can be located by *Federal Register notice number* in the FEDERAL REGISTER for the appropriate date. The FEDERAL REGISTER is available for inspection at any Public Library which is also a Federal depository, or by subscription through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. For subscribers to the FEDERAL REGISTER, a suggested method to follow the activities of the Commission is to keep Commission notices arranged chronologically by *Federal Register notice number* and use this index to locate any particular entry.

This index is divided into two general categories: (1) *Interim guidelines* and *proposed regulations;* and (2) *advisory opinion requests* and *advisory opinions.* A brief explanation of each category follows:

(1) *Interim guidelines and proposed regulations.* Under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, (FECA, as amended) the Commission has power to prescribe suitable rules and regulations to carry out certain provisions and to formulate general policy for the administration of the Act. The FECA, as amended, prescribes that any rule or regulation which is proposed by the Commission must be submitted to the Congress for review (see 2 U.S.C. § 438 (c)). If the proposed regulation is not disapproved by Congress within 30 legislative days, it assumes the full force and effect of law as promulgated by the Commission.

Pending the completion of regulations to implement the Act, the Commission adopted an interim guideline procedure whereby a notice of general applicability is provided for certain matters which need immediate clarification. These *interim guidelines* serve as a basis upon which persons affected by the law can rely in making decisions during the period in which formal regulations are being developed.

This index lists the *interim guidelines* and the *proposed regulations* first, in the chronological order in which they have been published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, and second, in alphabetical order by subject matter.

(2) *Advisory opinion requests and advisory opinions.* The FECA, as amended, provides that upon the request of (a) any individual holding Federal office, (b) any candidate for Federal office, (c) any political committee, the Commission can render an *advisory opinion* as to whether any specific transaction or activity by that individual or committee would constitute a violation of the FECA, as amended (see 2 U.S.C. § 437f). Any person receiving an *advisory opinion* who acts in good faith in accordance with provisions and findings of the *advisory opinion* will be presumed to be in compliance with the Act.

This index lists the following:

(a) *Advisory opinion requests* (*AORs*) by number, in the order in which they are published;

(b) *Advisory opinions* (*AOs*) which have been issued by the Commission in response to these *AORs.* (Each *AO* number will correspond to its respective *AOR* number. Issuance of *AOs* by the Commission is not necessarily in the order in which the *AORs* have been published. Every *AOR* and corresponding *AO,* when issued, can be located by referring to its FEDERAL REGISTER *Notice Number*);

(c) *AORs* and *AOs* listed alphabetically by subject matter;

(d) Relevant sections of the U.S. Code with a reference to the *AOs* which deal with these sections; and

(e) A brief description of each *AO.*

(This is the first publication of this index. It will be published monthly. Its purpose is to assist those who have a current need to be up-to-date on Federal election campaign laws and policies issued by the Commission. The Commission welcomes comments on the format and contents of this index, and any suggestions for change to make it more beneficial to its users.)

Dated: December 4, 1975.

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Chairman, for the
Federal Election Commission.

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AO 1975-3 REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE. Costs of printing or preparing matter sent under Congressional frank are not covered by contribution and expenditure limits.

AO 1975-4 DEMOCRATIC PARTY TELETHON. Endorsers or guarantors of loans to Democratic National Telethon are "contributors" subject to limits.

AO 1975-5 PRE-1973 DEBTS. Contribution and expenditure limits do not apply to cancellation of pre-1973 debts.

AO 1975-6 1973-1974 CAMPAIGN DEBTS. Only the limitation on expenditures from a candidate's personal funds apply to cancellation of 1973-1974 campaign debts.

AO 1975-7 CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE ACCOUNTS. Contributions and expenditures from office accounts are subject to limitations but contributions and expenditures from franking accounts are exempt.

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AO 1975-35 ORGANIZATION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEES. Individuals may serve as officers of more than one political committee.

AO 1975-37 INCORPORATED POLITICAL COMMITTEES. Committees organized solely for political purposes may incorporate.

AO 1975-40 REPORTING OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS. Political committees and candidates must report all contributions from all political committees no matter how small the amount.

AO 1975-41 INVESTMENT OR DEPOSIT OF CONTRIBUTIONS INTO SAVINGS ACCOUNTS. Committees may make internal transfers of funds between checking and savings accounts without listing transactions on the report.

AO 1975-45 MULTI-CANDIDATE COMMITTEES. Application of contribution limitations to multi-candidate committees.

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AO 1975-64 FUNDRAISING EVENTS TO RETIRE DEBTS. A single fundraising function may be held to retire a 1972 campaign debt and a 1973-74 office account deficit.

AO 1975-67 CAMPAIGN BILLBOARDS. Use of name of campaign committee chairman and treasurer is not required on billboard signs.

AO 1975-74 CONTRIBUTION IN NON-ELECTION YEARS. A contribution made to a multi-candidate committee in a non-election year is not counted against the contributor's $25,000 aggregate limit for the election year.

AO 1975-77 ROYALTIES. Royalties from publication of a book are not an honorarium.

AO 1975-78 FUNDRAISING EXEMPTION. The 20% fundraising exemption applies broadly to fundraising costs, not just to the actual solicitation of contributions.

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